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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Administration

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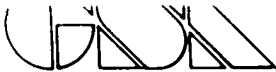
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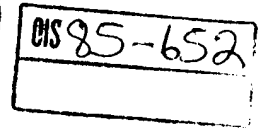
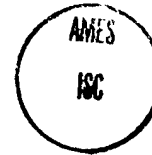
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Director of Information Services
Directorate of Administration
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Dear [Redacted]

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I enclose a copy of my letter, with enclosures, to the Honorable Robert C. McFarlane, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, recommending White House approval of thirteen initiatives to improve the Government-wide information security system. These initiatives are based, of course, on the recommendations of the interagency working group on which you represented your agency.

At this time, this package has not been publicly released or discussed. The initiatives themselves have been disclosed in a closed session of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. They will likely be authorized for public disclosure sometime in the relatively near future. Until then, however, I ask that you not disclose them except to necessary persons within your agency.

Preliminarily, I have received a very favorable response from the White House concerning these initiatives. I will keep you informed of developments. Once again, thank you for all your effort on their behalf.

Sincerely,

STEVEN GARFINKEL
Director

Enclosure



General
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Information Security
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Washington, DC 20405

November 14, 1985

Honorable Robert C. McFarlane
Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. McFarlane:

I am pleased to submit for your review and approval thirteen initiatives to improve the Government-wide information security system. With the total support of the National Security Council, I chaired an interagency committee* that developed these initiatives and seeks their timely implementation. Upon receiving your approval of all or some of them, the Information Security Oversight Office is prepared to take the steps necessary to implement them.

The recommended initiatives attack perceived problems in five subject areas: overclassification, or unnecessary classification; overdistribution of classified information; classification management; the erosion of the "need-to-know" principle; and unauthorized disclosures. They do not require any basic restructuring of the successful system that President Reagan established in Executive Order 12356. Rather, they seek means of achieving increased knowledge and increased accountability among the many people who are entrusted with making the system work as it should. Though these initiatives are few in number and quite modest in cost, their implementation should have far-reaching consequences for the improvement of the information security system.

In addition to the initiatives, the interagency group also seeks action by the National Security Council on several matters that require White House decisions. These include (a) the questions presented by the Department of Justice Personnel Security Study Group; (b) a uniform policy on the use of the polygraph in unauthorized disclosure investigations; and (c) a definitive executive branch position on unauthorized disclosure legislation. The timely resolution of these matters merits your careful attention.

Sincerely,

STEVEN GARFINKEL
Director

Enclosures

*The interagency committee consisted of representatives of the Departments of State, Treasury, Justice, Defense, Army, Navy, Air Force and Energy, the Central Intelligence Agency, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the National Security Agency.

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